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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this academic year and the end of Term 6, I am delighted to share our updates in the latest edition of Headlines: <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?p=2283218>

I would also like to signpost a few useful services for the summer holidays:

- We attach a “Chomp and Chat” information sheet for summer holiday activities.
- Details of free Holiday Activities in Heathfield: <https://eequ.org/experience/4550>, others in a wider area are also available: <https://eequ.org/escchaf?view=map>
- We have signposted students to our [Well-Being page](#) which has a range of support for any concerns or worries they might have, alongside their access to the wellbeing hub.
- [Parent access](#) to the Well-being hub is constant and may be useful if needed.

I would particularly like to thank all of the parents who have reached out to show appreciation for staff and support for the College, particularly in the last term. It has been a challenging time for everyone but the strength that is gained by mutual respect and understanding is huge.

As an educational organisation we face the same pressures and tensions that you will see in the news: cost of living pressures, peer pressure and mental health pressures, societal tensions and the negative use of social media, under-funding and stretched resources to support young people. These external challenges are known and understood.

However, unlike many schools locally and nationally we have a secure, cohesive and experienced staff, a calm purposeful learning environment and a clear inclusive sense of purpose. We work hard together to bring out the best of all of us and to ensure our high standards are upheld so that students are best prepared for their future. Heathfield students understand that collaborative endeavour and are largely very supportive of each other and their staff.

I am personally grateful to everyone across the community who have supported that effort this year and also to all the young people who have verbalised and shown by their actions how much it also matters to them.



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These are the things that keep staff focused and committed, attracting others who want to work here, alongside a collaborative community who work with us to ensure the best support for students and staff.

It does not go unnoticed or unappreciated, it is that positive communication and collaboration that helps protect the exceptional environment that is our College and our young people.

Thank you. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Barlow'.

**MS C BARLOW**  
Headteacher

**DIARY DATES:** Please see Headlines